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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily, please amend this application as follows:

1. (Amended) An anchor for securing a suture to bone, comprising:

an elongated body having a proximal region terminating in a proximal end, and a distal region [with a successively narrower cross-section] terminating in a distal end [to facilitate] configured for insertion into a hole [drilled] in the bone;

[means, disposed in] said proximal region[, for engaging] including an element configured for positive axial interengagement with a corresponding element of a driver for insertion of said anchor into the [drilled] hole;

at least one ridge, disposed [about the] on an exterior surface of said body, for engaging the bone after insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor; and

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